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The Durango Business Improvement District (BID) board of directors wishes to provide the following recommendation to the City of Durango as the process for the potential redevelopment of the Durango School District 9R Administration building by the Durango Fire Protection District begins.

Whereas BID considers that the contemplated 12<sup>th</sup> St. Fire Station move is a very significant urban planning and community development proposal that will have ramifications for decades in the future, BID encourages the City to schedule opportunities for citizens and impacted business owners to comment prior to the permit review process starting.

We believe that public opportunities to comment must happen at the earliest. This is only fair to the Durango Fire Dept. All good government is enhanced by public comment. It would not be proper to expect the DFD to spend time and money as they work through the approval process, only to learn our citizen and business opinions belatedly, at the Planning Commission or City Council stage.

Please let any of us know if you have any questions or want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Tim Walsworth, Executive Director  
Carly Thomson, Chair  
James Allred, Vice Chair  
Ashley Gonnella, Treasurer/Secretary  
John Mahoney, Member  
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